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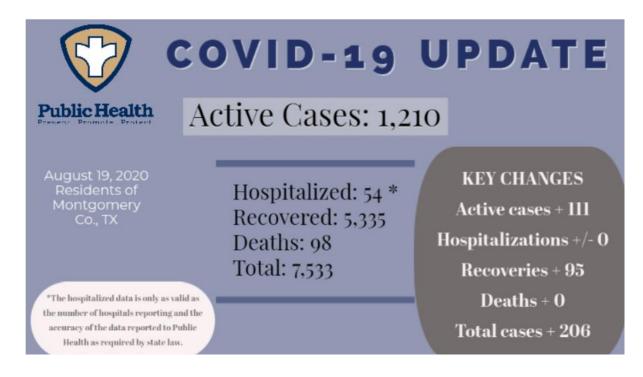
Daily COVID-19 Update for Montgomery County

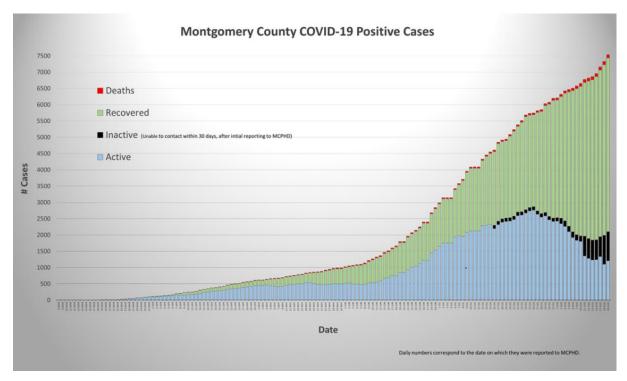
Status Update from the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

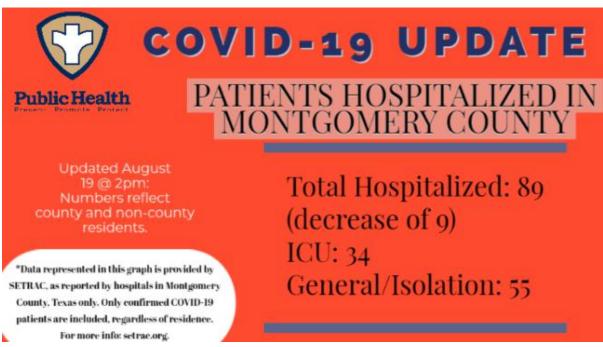
MONTGOMERY COUNTY – Montgomery County Public Health District, in conjunction with the Montgomery County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, can confirm the following update related to COVID-19.

- TOTAL cases of COVID-19 increased by 206 to 7,533 since yesterday's report. This week, in addition to processing new cases, we are also processing cases that were reported to The Department of State Health Services (DSHS) directly by healthcare providers and entered into the National Electronic Disease Surveillance System (NEDS), run by the CDC. Out of the 576 new total cases since Friday's report, 402 (from the NEDS system) tested positive in June and July. See additional information here: https://www.texastribune.org/2020/08/14/texas-coronavirus-testing-dshs/.
- ACTIVE cases of COVID-19 increased by 111 to 1,210 since yesterday's report.
- 54 residents are known to be in the hospital, as a result of contact investigations. Contact investigations have not been initiated on all reported cases.
- 5,335 people have clinically recovered.

Have questions? Please go to https://mcphd-tx.org/ and scroll down to the FAQs.







You can find more information on the SETRAC website, <u>setrac.org</u>.

Take steps to slow the spread of COVID-19 in our community.

- Consider staying home unless it is necessary to leave your home.
- Avoid groups of people.
- Practice social distancing.
- Wear a mask (if it is necessary to leave your home).
- Wash your hands or use hand sanitizer frequently.
- Disinfect surfaces in your car and around your home.

You can view the list of case-by-case updates on the MCPHD website here: https://mcphd-tx.org/coronavirus-covid-19/confirmed-cases/. You can refer to the dashboard here: https://coronavirus-response-moco.hub.arcgis.com/.

Just a reminder, online registration is now available for COVID-19 testing through the MCPHD/MCHD voucher program. Click on "Need to be tested?" on mchd-tx.org or mcphd-tx.org and follow the instructions. The COVID-19 Call Center's number is 936-523-3916. It is open Monday-Friday 8:00am-4:30pm.

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